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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.